March 20, 2000

MUR 4988

Office of the General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

To the Counsel:

This is a request to investigate a complaint regarding an improper contribution to a candidate for Federal office (U.S. Congress) by a committee whose sole purpose is "to elect Tom Berns for State Representative" in the state of Illinois. This was done by a radio ad and written materials that were mailed and massively distributed which are enclosed. The text of the radio ad is as follows:

"Hello, this is Tom Berns, reminding you to vote on Tuesday, March 21 for Tim Johnson for Congress and Tom Berns for State Representative. Together, we'll be your Republican team providing tax relief for our families, senior citizens and farmers. (Announcer): On election day, the voters of this district have an opportunity to support two candidates who will work together against higher taxes. Vote for tax relief: vote for Tim Johnson for Congress and Tom Berns for State Representative, your endorsed Republican team. Paid for by Tom Berns for State Representative."

These ads for congressional candidate Tim Johnson are made by a state committee which accepts corporate contributions and whose sole purpose stated in its filing with the State of Illinois is "to elect Tom Burns for State Representative." The committee is registered as Tom Burns for State Representative, P.O. Box 756, Urbana, IL 61803-0756, State ID 7571. This committee has not segregated its corporate contributions as required by law.

These ads and materials are considerably over \$1,000 in value, in violation of 100.7 There is no public notice that these communications are not authorized by the candidate or his authorized committee. These expenditures were made after the 20<sup>th</sup> day but more than 24 hours before the day of election but no report was filed as required under 104.4 and 109.2(b).

Submitted by the complainant

Joseph Whelan

1717 Briarcliff Drive

Urbana, IL 61802

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March, 2000.

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# OUR REPUBLICAN TEAM: Tim Tom Johnson Berns

Congress

State Representative

Paid for by "Tom Berns for State Representative"

A copy of our report is (or will be) filed with the State Beard of Elections, Springfield, IL

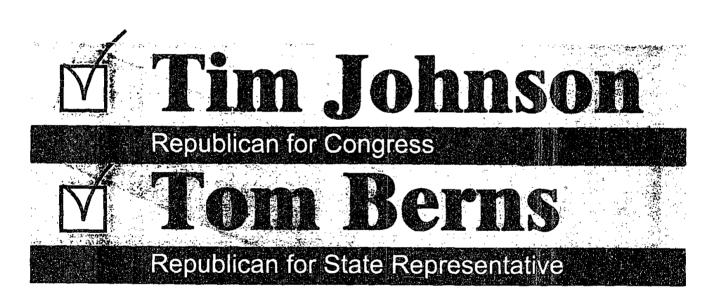


POST OFFICE BOX 756 URBANA, ILLINOIS 61803-0756 PRESORTED STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE PAID URBANA, IL PERMIT NO. 28

Mr. Gene Weisiger 305 E Michigan Ave # A Urbana, IL 61801-5149

# Former Mayor Jeff Markland reminds you to vote

Tuesday, March 21, 2000



"I believe that a Johnson / Berns team would be great for our community! Please vote on Tuesday, March 21st."

-Former Mayor Jeff Markland

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### Tom Berns for State Representative

Purpose: To elect Tom Berns for State Representative

PO Box 756

Status: Active 12/8/99

Urbana, IL 61803-0756 State ID: 7571

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### Last four documents filed...

A-1 (\$500 + 30 days prior) 2000 GP 1 Page(s)

Report Period: 2/21/00 thru 3/20/00

Received at: Springfield 3/3/00 4:14:32 PM

Filed on paper

A-1 (\$500+ 30 days prior) 2000 GP 1 Page(s)

Report Period: 2/21/00 thru 3/20/00

Received at: Springfield 2/28/00 6:00:00 PM

Filed on paper

A-1 (\$500+ 30 days prior) 2000 GP 1 Page(s)

Report Period: 2/21/00 thru 3/20/00

Received at: Springfield 2/25/00 3:45:45 PM

Filed on paper

D-2 Semi-Annual Report 3 Page(s) Report Period: 7/1/99 thru 12/31/99

Received at: Springfield 1/26/00 10:33:41 AM

Filed on paper

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Tom Berns for State Representative D-2 Pre-Election Report 2000 GP **Itemized Individual Contributions** 

Associated Professionals Individual Contribution

Inc.

275 S. Kaskaskia Nashville, IL 62263

Busey Bank 201 West Main St. <del>Urbana</del>, IL 61801

Dabrowski, John 1908 Bentbrook Champaign, IL 61820

Fleming, J. Robert 8B Evergreen Circle Savoy, IL 61874

Franzen Construction Inc. Individual Contribution 1628 CR 1900E <u> Urbana, IL 61802</u>

Friends of Lee Daniels P.O. Box 33 Elmhurst, IL 60126

Gremley & Biedermann

4505 N. Elson Chicago, IL 60630

Hill, Richard 1106 McHenry Urbana, IL 61801

Illinois Society of **Professional Engineers** 1304 S. Lowell Ave. Springfield, IL 62704

Illinois State Medical Society

20 N. Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60602

Khan, Shahid 1102 Welshire Champaign, IL 61821

Knox, E. Phillips 801 W. Vermont Urbana, IL 61801

Kuhl, Dave

\$500.00 on 2/16/00

Individual Contribution \$500.00 on 1/18/00

Individual Contribution \$250.00 on 2/18/00

Individual Contribution \$200.00 on 1/19/00

\$500.00 on 1/25/00

Individual Contribution \$500.00 on 2/8/00

Individual Contribution \$250.00 on 1/19/00

Individual Contribution \$200.00 on 1/29/00

Individual Contribution \$500.00 on 1/18/00

Individual Contribution \$1,000.00 on 2/18/00

**Individual Contribution** \$500.00 on 1/22/00

Individual Contribution \$500.00 on 1/18/00

Individual Contribution

